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 In early April 1954 prices in Sohang-ni<sup>1</sup> (N 37-54, E 126-01)(BS-375999), Ewanghae Province, were as follows:<sup>2</sup>

COMMODITY	TIMU	PRICE IN NK WON			
Beans	1 small $mal^3$	<b>2</b> 80			
Rice	l large mal <sup>3</sup>	1,500			
Shoes, rubber, black	l pair	500			
Shoes, rubber, white	l pair	1,600			
Soap, laundry, "GI" size, made in Hungnam	1 bar	130-150			
Soap, toilet, Chinese	1 bar	300			

2. In early April prices in Hunam-myon (N 38-07, E 125-08)(XC-8720), Hwanghae Province, were as follows:

COMMODITY	UNIT	PRICE IN NK WON			
Rice	1 large mal	1,400			
Penicillin, Soviet-made	l small bottle	350			

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Shoes, canvas 1 pair 1,000 Soap 1 bar 300-500 Towel, 24 by 10 inches each 300

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1. Comment. Sohang-ni appears to be a local name only.

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25X1A 3. Comment. A small mal equals 1.03 pecks, and a large mal equals 2.05 pecks.

25X1A 4. Comment. Informant said that the bottle was about the size for penicillin.

25X1A Comment. Soviet-made penicillin usually comes in form of crystals, rather than oil.

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